Reply of Government.—The question of nominating a member to represent the Mahomedan community on Municipal Councils, wherever necessary, is noted.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Mohatarfa collected in small villages to be utilised for the improvement of the respective villages.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the mohatarfa collected in small villages be set apart for the improvement of the respective villages.

Reply of Government.—Improvement of villages is a matter devolving on District Boards and the cost should be met from District Funds.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Election of members from Union Panchayets to Taluk Boards.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Union Panchayets may be allowed to elect a member to the Taluk Board just as a Taluk Board elects a member to the District Board.

Reply of Government.—The question may lie over till more experience is gained of the working of the Local Boards Regulation.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Reduction of fines on impounded cattle in the malnad.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The sale of impounded cattle does not often fetch the cost of feeding and fine charges. The present heavy rate of fine in the malnad may be reduced to rates prevailing in other parts of the State.

(2) The rate of fine in the pound at Saklespur is the same as that prevailing in pounds in coffee estates. As this is a Municipality, the rates prevailing in other Municipalities may be ordered to be levied.

Reply of Government.—The question will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 133.

Free use of water for household purposes from taps in houses in Bangalore and Mysore.

Messrs. M. K. Krishnaurti Rao, Magadi Taluk; B. Gangaiya, B. Appajaiya, B. Basanna and B. Veerabhadra Chetty, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The present system of restricting the quantity of water to be used in private houses by gauging it is an infliction of unnecessary hardship on the people. The amount levied on the excess quantity is just sufficient for maintaining the establishment requisite for finding out this excess. Besides, restricting the quantity to be used from house taps does not prevent the people from taking water from public taps. Provided there is no fear of water being used for gardening and such other purposes, free use of it may be allowed and people saved from unnecessary burden and worry.

Metre readings used to be taken once in a month and bills sent quarterly for the excess quantity of water used. But now bills are sent monthly. People desire that the average quantity of water used may be calculated at the end of each quarter and bills made out accordingly for the excess.

Reply of Goernmvent.—With the existing machinery it is not possible to pump up more water than at present. The supply is therefore limited and should be used economically. House connections are taken only by those

who can afford to have them. The water tax and the excess water rate in the Bangalore City are very low as compared with those prevailing in the Civil and Military Station. If the Municipality pays the whole cost of maintenance of the water works, water may be allowed to be used free. Under present circumstances no further concessions can be granted.

SUBJECT No. 134.

Abolition of the duty on piece-goods manufactured in the Mysore State.

Mr. Venkoba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The levy of Octroi duty in Municipalities on cloths manufactured in the Mysore State may be abolished with a view to encourage the manufacture of cotton and silk goods in this country.

Reply of Government.—This is a tax levied at the suggestion of Municipal Boards for the benefit of the Municipalities concerned, and as such it is not a matter for representation at the Assembly.

SUBJECT No. 135.

Enforcement of Village Sanitation Rules.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the Village Sanitation Rules may be enforced.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The Health Department will pay attention to this. It is under consideration to extend the Village Sanitation Rules to villages containing not less than 50 houses.

SUBJECT No. 136.

Opening up of congested portions in towns and villages.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that congested portions in towns and villages may be removed.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 137.

Reserving grounds for extension of villages.

Mr. Raghavachar, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A certain extent of land in each village may be kept in reserve for extension purposes.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 138.

Ventilation to houses.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that arrangements may be made for facilitating the free admission of light and air to every house in cities, towns and villages throughout the Province.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 139.

Rooting out lantana.

Messrs. N. Venkatramaiya, Hassan District Board, and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Last year Government were pleased to state that the rules in force regarding the removal of lantana and the practice obtaining in Coorg would be ascertained and necessary steps taken in the matter. Early orders are requested. People should be compelled to remove lantana as in Coorg.

Reply of Government.—A good suggestion. The matter will be considered.